



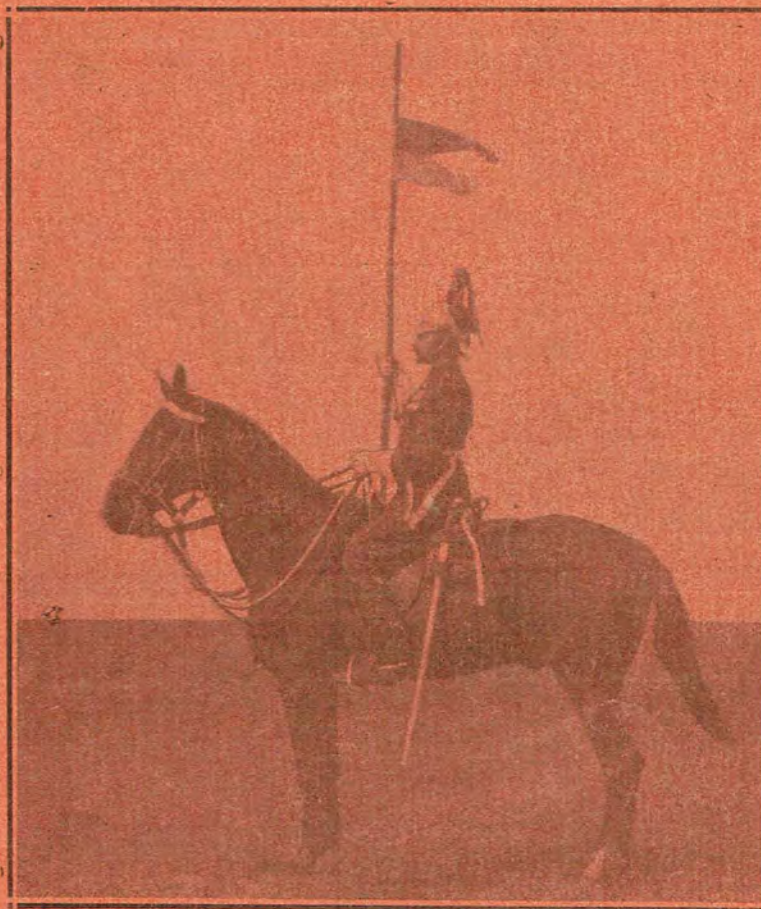
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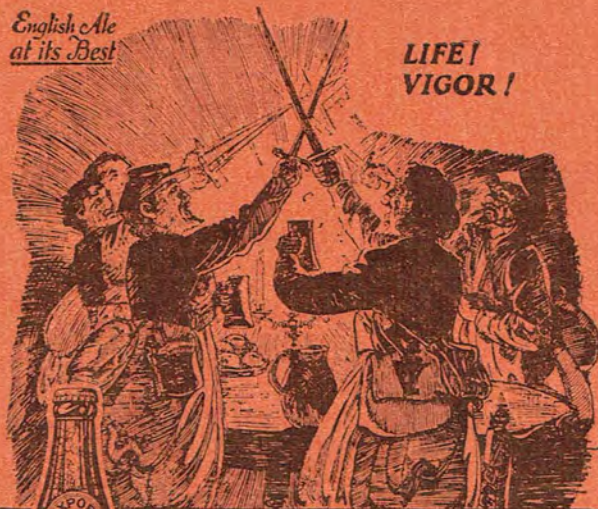
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The Cavalry Barracks, St. Johns, Que., August 17th, 1924.

With the Permission of Major D. B. Bowie, D.S.O.

"God of our Fathers, known of old,  
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Ten years ago such a prayer went up from the hearts of the millions enrolled in the world's greatest family—the Empire—when the tocsin of war was heard in the utmost corners of the world, and, for four years following the whole earth was rocked with the convulsions of the greatest upheaval of history.

The tale is one which we all know, Germany, violating the sanctity of international law, her plighted and written word and the common conventions of civilization, had violated the neutrality of Belgium in her lust for the life's blood of France, and the Empire—ever the 'world's policeman'—forthwith set out to disprove the German contention, that,—"might was right." So the British Lion lifted his huge head and roared, and from across the seven seas came the answering calls of his sons—the Overseas Dominions.

The massing of the Empire's troops is a story too well known to need any memorial. But let us proudly recall that, within two months, Canada had concentrated, armed and embarked a force of 33,000 men. During the history-making conflict, which lasted until November 11th, 1918, she raised over 550,000 soldiers and sailors—more than 400,000 of these were volunteers.

Many never returned from their tour of duty. Their bodies are buried in France, Flanders, the East, Siberia, and in the depths of the sea. The outstanding fact that impresses us to-day is that as citizens of the British Empire we had no option in the matter of war. We could not refuse the challenge when the gauntlet was thrown down. We bear to-day the terrible scars and the

heavy burden of its imposition, but it was not of our choosing.

Time has softened some of the bitterness of our asperities and cooled the ardour of our rancour against those who were responsible for bringing on the conflict, but our condemnation of their act is not less keen nor our horror at their infamy less real.

"Lord God of Hosts be with us yet,  
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## Here and There.

The Venetian Gardens are now featuring the Dinner Show session which they run every summer from 7 to 8.30 p.m. During the Dinner House artists chosen from Broadway's latest success entertain, accompanied by high class music. It is well to mention that the Venetian Gardens at the present time are drawing a tremendous crowd and it appears that the shows which Colonel McNeill is responsible for, is at the present time meeting with the approval of all who may hear and see them.

They are featuring Alma Barnes, Prima Donna, late leading lady with the "Vogues" 1924, now playing Schubert's 44th St. Theatre, New York. Miss Barnes is without a doubt one of the finest vocalists who has been heard in Montreal for many years.

Mademoiselle Verona, Oriental and Classical Dancer, who came direct to the Venetian after playing a two years engagement in Hollywood, Cal., there taking part in many of Jesse Lasky's great productions.

Joan Page, acrobatic and South Sea dancer, late of the Ziegfeld Follies.

A Vickers Viking, Amphibian, arrived here on July 20th, from Ottawa, piloted by Capt. Mc-

Kewen, with his mechanic Cpl. A. J. Horner. The machine remained until the 24th, during that period the officers attending the Staff Course were taken up for short flights. These flips were witnessed by large crowds of spectators who occupied points of vantage around the taking off and landing place.

A memorial record has lately been affixed by the Town Council of Folkestone on the "Road of Remembrance," which leads from the Leas promenade to Folkestone Harbour, where troops from all parts of the Empire embarked for the battlefields of France and Flanders. This road has been planted with hundreds of rosemary bushes "For Remembrance." The inscription is as follows:—

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The battle honours of the 14th London Regiment (London Scottish) are as follows, those given in black being the names which will be inscribed on the King's Colours:—Messines, 1914; Ypres, 1914, 1917, 1918; Nonne Bosschen; Givenchy 1914; Aubers; Loos, Soome, 1916, 1918; Albert, 1916, 1918; Guillemont, Ginchy, Fliers-Courcelette, Morval, Le Transloy, Arras, 1917, 1918; Scarpe, 1917, 1918; Langemark, 1917; Cambria, 1917, 1918; Hindenburg Line, Canal du Nord, Courtrai, Valenciennes, Sambre, France and Flanders, 1914-1918;

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A review of the Grand Fleet was held at Spithead on July 26. 194 warships, all commissioned since the war, were arrayed in ten four-miles lines. This was the first function of the kind since the historic review in the same waters just before the outbreak of the war in 1914, and a remarkable contrast was noticed between the fleet of that period and that of to-day. In 1914 there were 55 battleships today there are only 10. Then there were 4 battle cruisers; today only one—the famous Tiger. In 1914 there were 55 cruisers and light cruisers; today there are only 9. Destroyers on the other hand have increased from 56 to 88 and there are several quite new classes of ships. Of these, the most interesting are the aircraft carriers, which were not dreamed of ten years ago. They are extraordinary looking craft, with great airplane decks raised high above the water like dancing floors. The "Argus" has no funnel, emitting her smoke astern like a motorboat. The "Hermes" has a funnel, but it is placed on one side and makes her look even more of a freak than the "Argus." Each has accommodation for 20 airplanes.

Those who propose to take part in the next war will be interested to know that they may have heavier rifles to carry around, although most of us will agree that the S.M.L.E. used in the late war was quite heavy enough. Although the short rifle proved its worth, experiments are being made to improve the pattern; rifles with a heavier barrel and aperture sight are being developed, and other types of action are being tried out to see whether they are superior to that of the Lee-Enfield.

"A" Sqn. is putting on a Musical Ride at the Sherbrooke Fair, August 23rd to 28th, and at a later date at Cornwall, Ont.

On August 20th a ceremony of historical interest will take place at Odelltown, Que., the occasion being the unveiling of two memorials—a monument and an old cannon—which have been placed south of the driveway leading to the Odelltown Church, west from the King Edward Highway, commemorating the Battle of Odelltown. (A description of which we give on another page). The

inscription on the monument reads—

"In abiding memory of Captain Donald McAllister, James Allen, Thomas Duham, Martin Flowers, Robert and William McIntyre, killed. Lewis Bartlett, William Durham, William Kidd and Hiram Odell, wounded in action, and of their brave comrades of the Loyal Militia of Canada, who fought here on the 7th and 9th November, 1838."

On the cannon is inscribed:—

"This gun, captured at the Battle of Odelltown and presented by the Governor General to Colonel Edward March, was donated by his grandchildren, in 1924, to the Dominion of Canada."

In connection with the unveiling ceremonies, which will be attended by officials representing the Historic Sites and Monuments Board, including Brig. General R. A. Cruikshanks; the programme of the day includes—Baseball (Odelltown vs. Lacolle); refreshments and a Harvest Home Supper, furnished by the ladies of the community, between 5 o'clock and 7 o'clock p.m. A souvenir booth of exceptional interest and value, an entertainment in the old historic church in the evening, by an Indian Professor of vocal music, recitals and other features and it is also expected that a display of fireworks will bring this memorable day to a close.

Major J. P. U. Archambault, D.S.O., M.C., Legion of Honour and A.D.C. to His Excellency the Governor General, has taken over command temporarily of the Royal 22nd Regiment owing to the transfer of Lieut. Col. Chasse, D.S.O., M.C., to Montreal. Major Archambault will remain in command of the unit until the return of Major Georges Vanier, D.S.O., M.C., Legion of Honour, from England, who will take over command of the regiment.

**OBITUARY.**

It was with deep regret that we learned of the death, in England, of Mrs. C. M. Nelles, wife of Brigadier General C. M. Nelles, C.M.G. All ranks join in expressing deep sympathy with their old Commanding Officer in his sad bereavement.

All ranks of "A" Sqn. deeply sympathize with S.S. M.I. Frank Wardell (I.C.) R.C.D., in the recent sad loss of his wife and baby.

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At the conclusion of the Staff Course, Sgt. W. E. Bolton, C.M. S.C., returned to M.D. No. 3, Kingston, Ont.

Sgt. J. Boisseau, C.M.S.C. M.D. No. 4, Montreal, who was also employed on the Staff Course, had the misfortune to get a touch of pneumonia; however, after a week or so in hospital under the tender care of Capt. N. M. Halkett, M.C., he was able to return to his station.

Sgt. 'Pete' Merrix has been in hospital during the past few weeks, laid up with the same old knee.

Sgt. Instr. G. C. Hopkinson (I.C.) is in Montreal recruiting to make up the deficiency in the strength of the Squadron, caused by the "Exodus".

Congratulations to Pte. Baker, R.C.A.M.C., and Mrs. Baker on the arrival of a little baby girl.

Congratulations to L/Cpl. R. A. Stanyar on his promotion to Corporal and to Trooper W. Jewkes on his appointment to L/Corporal.

Congratulations to Major W. A. Blue on his promotion to Lieut. Colonel, commanding the "Princess Louise Dragoon Guards," Ottawa.

Our heartiest congratulations to Brig. General C. J. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G., Colonel Commandant, M.D. No. 4, who will celebrate his fifty-second birthday on Aug. 27th.

The following N.C.O.'s and men have taken their discharge under para. 377 (13) K.R. & O.:

No. 803, Cpl. Jennings, J.  
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No. 824, L/Cpl. Phillips, F.  
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No. 800, Tpr. Wells, S. W.  
No. 837, Tpr. Wentworth, G. E.

### MAJOR W. A. BLUE GETS PROMOTION.

Lieut. Colonel W. A. Blue has taken over command of the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, Ottawa, in succession to Lieut. Col. L. P. Sherwood, who relinquished his command in December 1923. Both these officers served with the Royal Canadian Dragoons in the late war.

The new commander of the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, has a long and distinguished record as a soldier, and is one of the best known cavalymen in Canada. He is exceedingly popular in military circles and is known as a hard, efficient worker. He has been a big factor in the efficiency to which the P.L.D.G. has attained.

Lt. Col. Blue joined the P. L. D. G. as a Trooper in 1903, and received his commission in 1907. He became a Captain in 1911, and was made Major at the outbreak of the Great War, when he became adjutant of the Cavalry School at Ottawa. In 1915 he became adjutant of the 8th Mounted Rifles under Col. J. R. Munro, and proceeded overseas with that unit. When the regiment was broken up in England, Lt. Col. Blue went to the Cavalry Depot at Shorncliffe, where he reverted to the rank of Lieutenant to join the Royal Canadian Dragoons in France.

At the end of the war he returned to the P.L.D.G. and took command of "B" Squadron. When Lt. Col. L. P. Sherwood took over the command of the regiment he was made second in command, a position he discharged with great efficiency. Lt. Col. Blue holds the Colonial Auxiliary Officer's Long Service Medal, the General Service and Victory Medals.

The Editor of "The Goat" wheeled his chair around and said to Trooper Wells, "Here are a number of directions from outsiders telling us how to run our magazine. See that every one is carried out."

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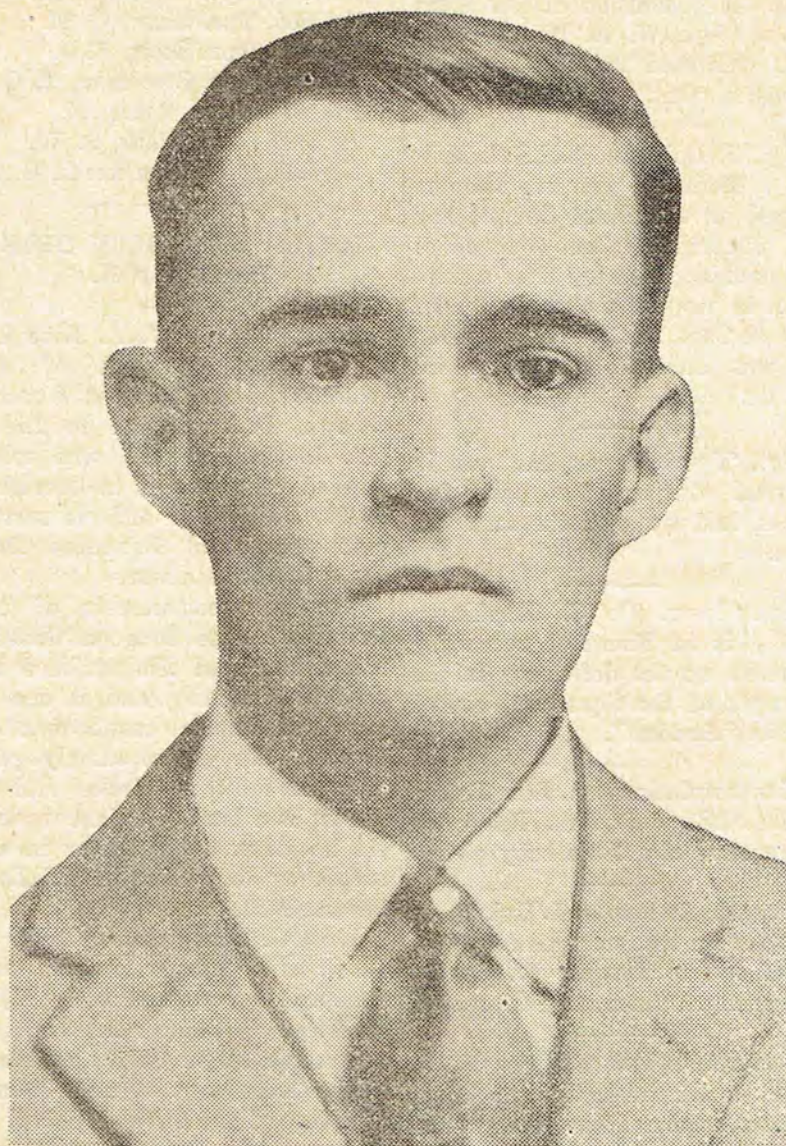
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## Canadian Wins King's Prize.



(With the courtesy of the Montreal Daily Star.)

On July 19th, at Bisley, Pte. Desmond Burke, Governor General's Foot Guards, Ottawa, won the King's Prize with a score of 230 out of a possible 250. He also won the bronze medal awarded for the top score in the first stage. Pte. Burke's achievement in winning the blue ribbon in competition with 968 other marksmen from all parts of the Empire, made him the hero of the hour. He was hoisted aloft in that famous chair, on which has been borne previous King's Prize winners and was carried by his fellow teamsmen on the customary tour of Bisley Camp. Burke's score at 900 yards was as follows:—3, 5, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 3, 5, 4, 3, 5, 5, 5—66. At 1,000 yards he obtained an inner on the second and eighth shot and thirteen bulls, a total of 73, with the aggregate of 91 which he made in the second stage on the previous day, totalled 230. Next to the winner was Sgt. A. G. Fulton, of the Queen's Westminsters, whose score totalled 228.

The King's Prize is the blue ribbon event of the Bisley meeting and also the oldest, dating

back to 1860, the year in which the National Rifle Association, which was formed for the encouragement of rifle corps and the promotion of rifle shooting throughout Great Britain, held its first meeting at Wimbledon. Queen Victoria, who was present at Wimbledon for the opening ceremonies, fired the first shot in the match, scoring a bulls eye at 400 yards. The match was then known as the Queen's Prize, but upon the ascension, to the throne, of King Edward the title was changed to King's Prize.

The competition for the King's Prize is open only to past or present members of His Majesty's Forces. It is shot in three stages. The first stage is, seven shots at each distance of 200, 500 and 600 yards. The second stage is ten shots at each distance of 300 and 600 yards, and is open only to those who qualify by taking the 300 highest places in the first stage. The third and final stage is open to the 100 who had made the highest scores in the second stage and is fired at 900 and 1,000 yards, fifteen shots at each

range.

The places of all the competitors in the final stage of the King's Prize are decided by the aggregate of the scores made by the competitors in the second and third stages only.

The winner of the Prize last years was Capt. E. H. Robinson, R.A.F. He won the coveted prize from L/Cpl. W. T. Norton, the Queen's Westminsters, in a tie shoot-off. The winner of the prize in 1922 was Lieut.-Col. A. P. Marchmont, 1st London Regiment. He won in a shoot off with Armourer Sgt. G. R. King, Marine Artillery, with whom he had tied in the final stage.

Canada has now supplied the King's Prize winner on five occasions—Pte. Hayhurst winning in 1895; Pte. Perry, 1904; Pte. Clifford, 1911; Pte. Hawkins, 1913, and Pte. Burke, 1924. Australia, New Zealand and South Africa have each supplied one successful candidate for the blue ribbon event.

The Venetian Gardens management have secured for a limited engagement one of Pat Rooney's headline dancers in the person of Mlle. Holliday. Miss Holliday is a very clever acrobatic and Oriental dancer, who made a big hit when in Montreal some six months ago, playing then, at the Princess Theatre of that city.

Mlle. Verona has been making a real success of her stay at the Venetian and in view of this, is being held over for another week. Mlle. Verona came direct from Hollywood, Ca., after completing a two years' engagement with the Jesse Lasky Film Corp.

There is always a new story about the Aberdonian. The latest is about a man who walked all the way from Aberdeen to Wembley, to see the exhibition, but had to go back without doing so. He found the fence too high to climb. Again we hear of a prominent resident of Aberdeen, objecting to the reduction of the local tram fares. He said he could only save a penny by walking instead of threeha' pence.

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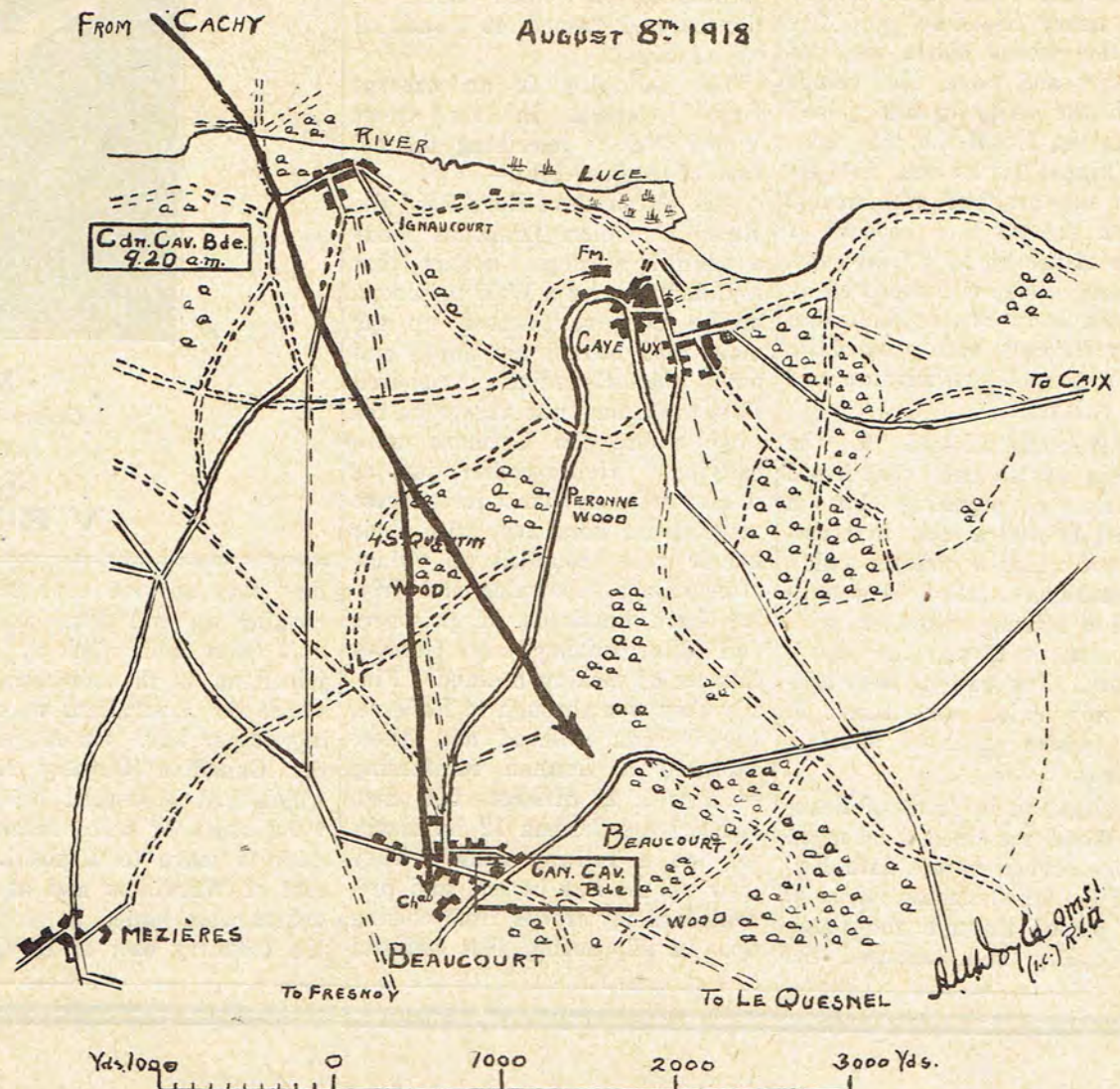
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## SKETCH SHOWING ADVANCE OF THE CANADIAN CAVALRY BRIGADE

AUGUST 8<sup>th</sup> 1918



The 8th of August, 1918.

At 4.20 a.m. on the 8th the attack from Marcellave to Amiens-Roye road was commenced by the Canadian and Australian Corps, supported by the 3rd British Corps.

At "Zero" hour the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Cavalry Divisions were concentrated in the triangle formed by the Villers-Bretonneux and Roye roads, east of Longeau.

The role given to the Cavalry was to push through the leading infantry of the Canadian and Australian Corps as soon as opportunity offered, and, taking advantage of any opening that might occur, to secure Amiens outer defences and hold them until the arrival of the infantry. Subsequently the Cavalry was to move south eastwards in the general direction of Roye and Chaulnes, with a view to cutting the enemy's communications and to easing the situation in front of the French. By 5.20 a.m. the 3rd Cavalry Division (6th and 7th Brigades and the Canadian Cavalry Brigade) was well forward west of Cachy, with the Canadian Brigade leading. Following the Canadian Corps as it advanced, The Bri-

gade marched along the Cavalry track to the north east edge of Bois de Hangard, across what had been the German front line, through Morgemont wood and then were confronted with the difficulty of crossing the river Luce, but owing to the successful recon-

naissance carried out by the Cavalry Patrols which had accompanied the Infantry, and to the excellent arrangements made for crossing trenches, the Canadian Cavalry Brigade started to cross at Ignaucourt at 9.20 a.m., supported by Whippet Tanks, and passed through the Canadian Infantry, from whom they got an enthusiastic reception as they rode out into the plain. The Brigade "jumped off" from the T roads south of Ignaucourt for the high ground east of Beaucourt. The Lord Stratheona Horse were on the right with the Royal Canadian Dragoons on the left and the Fort Garry Horse in reserve. On approaching Beaucourt, which was held by the enemy, the Brigade came under heavy machine gun fire. Two troops of the L.S.H. worked round to the south of the village and reached the Amiens-Roye road without difficulty and penetrated as far as Fresnoy en Chaussee, any further advance was held up south west of Beaucourt Wood. The northern party consisting of the Royal Canadian Dragoons with 8 Whippet Tanks, was also checked north west of the



LIEUT. JACK MEIKLE  
"A" Sqn. R.C.D.

Killed in Action, Aug. 8th, 1918.



Wood. "C" Sqn. R.C.D. acted as Regimental Advance Guard and after three successive bounds, under heavy machine gun fire from the woods north east of Beaucourt and from the village reached the objective and joined up with the L.S.H. on the right. The Whippet Tanks came into action in support, but were unable to reach the wood on account of the fire of the enemy's field guns. Beaucourt village was captured by the main body of the Canadian Cavalry Brigade, with great dash, but it was unable to advance east of the village.

The frontage allotted to the Regiment was so small that it did not permit of anything but a mounted frontal attack, in consequence of which 2 officers and 7 other ranks were killed, 47 wounded and 6 missing together with 125 horses, made up the day's casualties. The two officers killed in this action were Lieut. J. Meikle (whose photo we publish) and Lieut. Booth.

The situation in front of Beaucourt Wood remained unchanged until the arrival of the 11th Brigade of the 4th Canadian Division, which passed through the Canadian Cavalry and captured the

wood later in the day. At 8.00 p.m. the Regiment was ordered to return to the wood south of Cayeux and "stood to" saddled up all night.

The following is an excerpt from "Canada in the Great World War," describing the action of August 8th:—

"To the south of Roye Road the Royal Canadian Dragoons made a skilful strategic detour that rounded up over a 1,000 prisoners, and a Squadron dashed up the main road behind the Tanks and with the Canadian Armoured Cars to Quesnel, the village on the slope where the Germans were rallying. Helter-skelter, just as if they were at manoeuvres, these magnificent horsemen, with their mobile guns, rounded up village after village, disarming and driving back hundreds of prisoners and disorganizing any German chances of making a stand. Finally they won through to Rosières, the German railhead and there captured a German reinforcing train with 28 officers, 500 men and a huge German 12 in. howitzer, on a railway spur. They blew up the line beyond and prevented enemy troops from coming up. In all, during that eventful



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day, they covered over 25 miles, ranging up and down the Canadian front from where the French joined us, to the northern sector, where the Australians were fighting desperately. On August 10th the Canadian Cavalry Brigade, which had bivouaced behind the wood south of Caix, received orders to move to a position just east of Warvillers and at 3 p.m. orders were issued to go through the Infantry east of Le Quesnoy

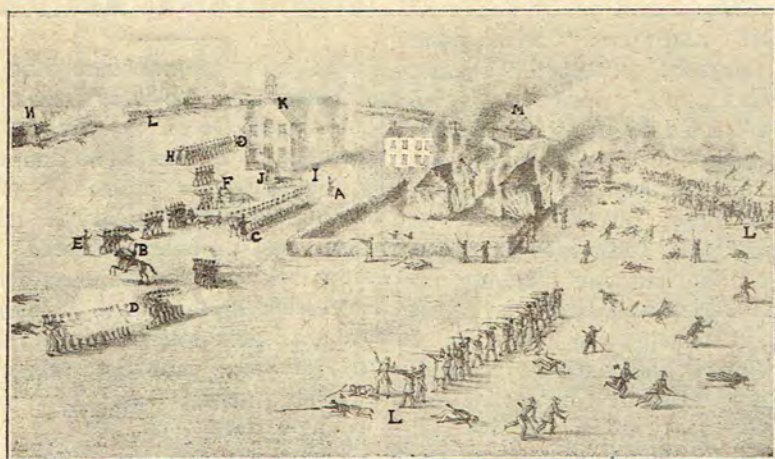
and seize the high ground north east of Roye, where the French attack was being held up. They charged the Germans on the flank and assisting in the capture of the village of Andechy, enabled the French to advance to continue level with that of the British. Further advance for the Cavalry was found to be impossible owing to the wire and trenches and after the Brigade had suffered severely it was cancelled."

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THE BATTLE OF ODELLTOWN.

A—Lieut. Col. Taylor, Commander in Chief; B—Col. Odell; C—Col. March; D—Capt. Rowe, of Caldwell's Manor; E—Capt. Fisher; F—Capt. Waldon; G—Capt. Hay; H—Capt. Strucker; I—Capt. McAllister; J—Ensign Curran; K—Sgt. ....; (Capt. Stott and Lieut. Sims defended from the Church); L—The Rebels attempting to surround the Volunteers; M—President Nelson, making his escape; N—Hendenleng, distinctly heard making use of the following words: "On Avant sure de gagner"; "Advance, sure to win."

The above is from a drawing presented to Lieut. Col Charles Cyril Taylor, by the request of Her Majesty's Loyal Volunteers of Odelltown and Hemmingford for his noble conduct on the 9th November, 1838.

## A Short History of Odelltown, Que.

During the interval which elapsed between the close of the Campaign of 1813 and the opening of the Campaign of 1814, Napoleon was driven out of Russia and the British armies under Wellington, were instrumental in expelling the French from Spain and Portugal. Britain now manifested a disposition to assume a firm offensive in America and made ready to send reinforcements across the Atlantic.

The American leaders realizing that heavy reinforcements were likely to reach Canada in the Spring, decided upon an early opening of their campaign against Montreal from the Lake Champlain district, hoping to get well across the frontier before proper dispositions had been made for the defence; but in this they were to be disappointed.

On March 28th, General Wilkinson advanced with an army of 4,000 men from Plattsburg, against the frontier. Light troops of the enemy entered Odelltown, followed by a squadron of Cavalry, three brigades of Infantry, and eleven guns. Driving in the British pickets, they attacked the post at Burtonville, but were so well received by the troops there, that they desisted in their attack and proceeded to the Lacolle River near its junction with the Richelieu. Here, in a stone mill and block-house, were a detachment of the 13th Light Infantry and a small body of Militia under the command of Major Hancock.

The garrison of the post was fewer than 200 men, but on the approach of the enemy, Hancock summoned reinforcements from several similar posts near at hand, and while the battle was on, two companies of the 13th arrived. Two gun boats and two sloops also came from Isle aux Noix, and from the mouth of the Lacolle, a mile or so away, worried the enemy by their fire. The investment of the Lacolle position was completed on March 31st. From the beginning of the siege, Hancock, although outnumbered fifteen to one, offered a stout resistance, even having his men make several sorties to at-

tempt to capture the American guns. All through the day of the 30th the strong walls of the mill were pounded by gun fire, and all day the little British force answered with musketry from loop holes and windows. Wilkinson expected an immediate surrender of the position on his approach. The opposition he was meeting paralyzed his faculties, and towards evening he drew off his force and hastened back to Plattsburg,

having lost 13 killed, 128 wounded and 13 missing. The British loss was 11 killed, 43 wounded and 4 missing, about one-sixth of the total force under Hancock, in this heroic defence of his position.

During the early part of 1838, a society known as the Chasseurs them murdered in cold blood. Sir John Colborne proclaimed Martial Law and took energetic steps to stamp out the rebellion. It was put down in Chateauguay and on the upper St. Lawrence, but on the upper Richelieu and near the border a serious situation devel-



Epaulettes and Side Arms worn in the Battles of Odelltown, Nov. 7th and 9th, 1838.

The cannon (centre) was captured in the Battle of the 7th.

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was organized. Its aim was the extermination of the hated English, through a general uprising of the French. As a part of a general scheme of invasion a party of rebels and sympathisers crossed the boundary, armed with American muskets and ammunition. The rising was general throughout all the district lying West of the Richelieu. The homes, of loyal settlers, along the border were burned and some of

oped. On November 7th about 500 rebels attacked the old mill at Lacolle. The post was defended by a party of volunteers under Major Schriver. The rebels were utterly defeated, 11 killed and 8 taken prisoner, the rest escaping across the boundary. Two volunteers were killed and one wounded. Two days later, Robert Nelson, with a force of about 1,200 men which he brought from

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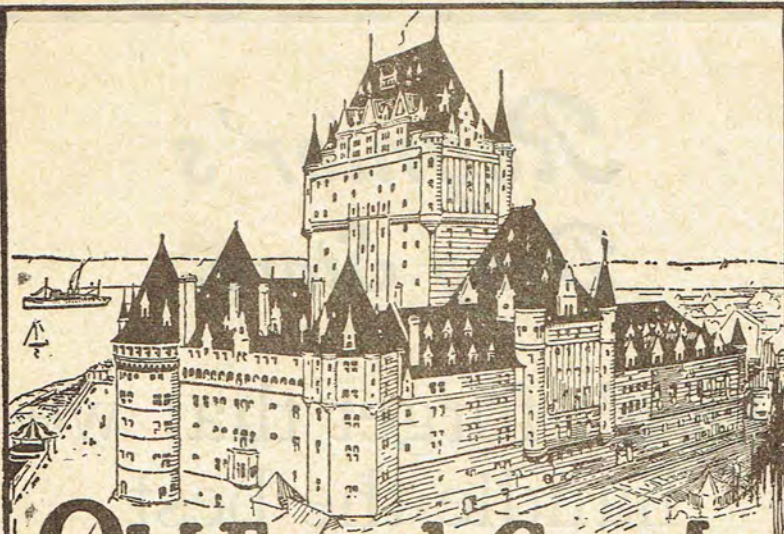
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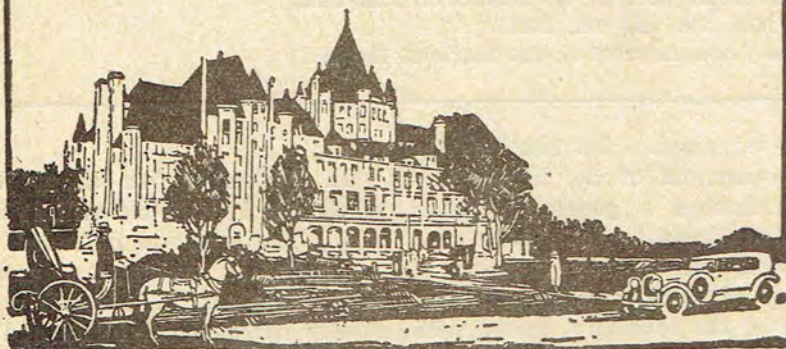
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the States, armed partly with new muskets and partly with pikes and swords, marched against Odelltown, near Lacolle, which was defended by about 200 volunteers under Colonel Taylor, who took up his position in a stone church 40 by 50 feet. Here, on November 9th, 1838, was fought a battle that had far reaching effects. Again and again the rebels tried to dislodge the defenders of the Church and the church yard, but the stubborn courage of the British race was seen at its best as these Loyalists encountered the rebels against lawful authority. The volunteers were completely surrounded. They held a seemingly hopeless position but were the favourites of fortune. Just as their ammunition was running out a dense snow storm came on, what should have been the occasion for a rush by the attacking force, was used, by the volunteers, to replenish their supplies.

Major Schriver, who was expected with reinforcements, had not arrived, but across the Richelieu, at Caldwell Manor, Capt. Vaughan heard the firing and hastily collecting his men, crossed the river and was seen approaching the Church. The insurgents lost all courage, deeming themselves foiled, never stopped to count the little body of reinforcements, but beat a precipitate retreat across the border, leaving 50 dead on the field. Of the volunteers, 6 were killed and 10 wounded.

The main body of the insurgents had gathered at Napierville some 4,000 strong. Sir James Macdonnell marched against them with a strong force of Cavalry and Infantry and 12 field pieces. The insurgents did not wait to be attacked, but took to their heels. With the exception of an incipient rising at Boucherville, quickly suppressed, the rebellion in Lower Canada had now ended. Sir John Colborne had taken decisive measures to check any further attempts on the part of the "Patriotes"; and the Army of American sympathizers had come to the reluctant conclusion that Canada was too hot a chestnut to pull out of the fire.

Two flies met after winter time. Said No. 1: "Where have you been all these months?" "I was in an eight day chiming clock," was the reply, "and didn't get a wink of sleep. Where were you?"

"Oh, I was in a Scotsman's purse. And I wasn't disturbed at all."

### INTERNATIONAL MERIDIAN

The international date line is an imaginary line drawn through the Pacific Ocean at the 180th meridian. It has been adopted by long years of practice. The one hundred and eightieth meridian was probably selected because it is exactly 12 hours from Greenwich and because it passes through the Pacific far from most civilized countries. Here a traveller going east or west "changes date."

The reason for this is simple. For every 15 degrees travelled east or west a person lengthens or shortens his day one hour. This is because he moves with the sun in travelling west and in the opposite direction when going east. If he goes entirely around the earth he will gain or lose one day. Suppose a man travels around the world eastward. When he has made the complete trip he has gained one whole day. If he makes the trip westward the result is just the opposite—he loses one day. The date lines does not follow the one hundred and eightieth meridian exactly, for geographic reasons. It runs in a northerly and southerly direction, separating the islands of the Pacific in such a manner that those on the east side have the same date as the United States, while those on the west side have the same date as Japan and Australia. The date line passes through Bering Strait, dividing America and Asia.

S/Sgt. Hill went into the kitchen and found a dozen broken eggs on the floor and little Dick gazing solemnly at them, "Oh, Dick, what have you done?" he exclaimed. "Silly balls,—won't bounce," said the baby.

Two soldiers, noted for their love of the bottle, put their savings together on completing their service and bought a saloon in a small village in Quebec. Their arrival was watched with interest by the community, and when opening time had long gone past, and the doors remained shut, one would-be customer volunteered to make inquiries. Striding up to the door he banged loudly with his fist, and was rewarded by a head appearing at one of the bedroom windows.

"What cher want?" inquired the old soldier.

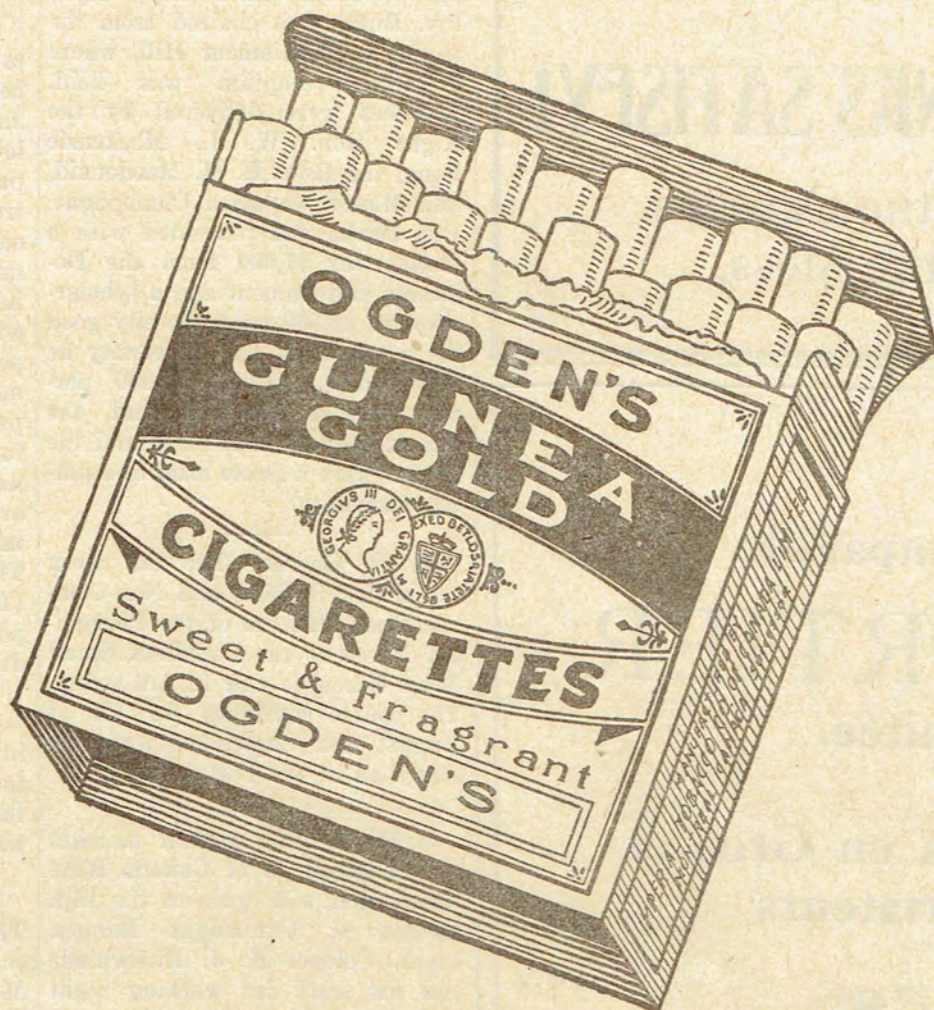
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### Bytown Bits.

**Held Field Day.**—The Hull Regiment had a very successful field day on July 27 on the high ground back of Aylmer. The advance party of the regiment went out the night before and put out a line of outposts. On Sunday the remainder of the regiment came out to Aylmer by car and took over from the outposts and worked out a scheme for the battalion in attack. In the afternoon sports were held.

**Burke Comes Home.**—Sunday the 3rd of August was a gala day for Ottawa when the King's Prize winner at Bisley, Pte. Desmond Burke, G.G.F.G., arrived in the city. The Guards and Hull Regiment turned out in force and many representatives were on parade from other city units. Pte. Burke was chaired from the station to Parliament Hill, where a civic reception was held. Speeches were delivered by the Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, the Hon. E. M. Macdonald, and Mayor Napoleon Champagne. Pte. Burke was presented with a cheque for \$1,000 from the Dominion Government and a scholarship for \$2,500 from the city good for a course at any university he may choose. Fully 25,000 persons were on the Hill and the streets between that place and the station were a dense mass of seething humanity.

**P. R. Course.**—The ten week course for Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers of the Permanent Force at the Canadian Small Arms School is now in full swing. The course continues for all of August and September with the exception of the D.R.A. week.

**D. R. A.**—The annual matches of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association will open on the 18th instant at Connaught Ranges. Lieut. Colonel R. J. Birdwhistle and his staff are working night and day getting things in shape and everything points out to a banner year for the marksmen. The winning of the King's Prize has put an added interest in rifle shooting and a record attendance is looked for.

**Easing Off.**—With the spring and summer training completed the units of the Ottawa garrison are devoting their time to a month or so of relaxation and holidays. The Machine Gun Company of the 3rd Division Battalion start the ball rolling when they go into camp for six days the first week in Sep-

tember. Both the Guards and 38th Regiment have their fall training to do and the Hull Regiment finish up with their inspection on the 26th instant.

**To Take Trip.**—The Hull Regiment will journey to Quebec City over Labor Day and will be the guests of the Royal 22nd Regiment on that date. The regiment will be in command of Lieut. Col. R. Girard, Croix de Guerre and Legion of Honour.

**Changes at Headquarters.**—Rumours are flying thick and fast these dog days re changes at National Defence Headquarters. The present slate is for a very senior Director to go East to take over a Quebec district, his place being taken by a well known Commanding Officer of an infantry unit of the P. F.

**Navy News.**—I was very sorry to learn of the sad accident that befell H.M.S. "Grant" on the 2nd-3rd whilst cruising in shallow waters. The Grant in company with one of our light destroyers of the V.A.M.P. class was conducting night operations on uncharted grounds and in rounding one of the mooring buoys whilst coming into the supply depot for more fuel ran on a submerged shoal and broke its right propeller. The Grant was able to proceed on slow bell but eventually had to be towed to its berth at Connaught docks. It was later taken to dry dock for repairs. The commander of the "Grant" (Lieut. Commander Donald) reports that the dry dock was the driest place he had ever been in.

**New Dance.**—Dancing masters in Ottawa have been warned not to teach any of the flapper class the Grant Glide. Ask Donny why.

**Cavalry Commanders Meet.**—The commanding officers of the cavalry regiments in the 2nd Mounted Brigade recently held their annual meeting in the quarters of the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards. The chair was filled by Lieut.-Colonel L. P. Sherwood, Brigade Major of the 2nd Mounted Brigade. Other officers attending were: Lieut.-Col. T. D. Johnston, 3rd Prince of Wales Canadian Dragoons; Lieut.-Col. W. A. Blue, Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, and Major C. B. Handcock, M.C., 4th Hussars.

Questions regarding training and administration were discussed and Lieut.-Col. Blue was appointed vice-president, and Major



Handcock, secretary of the 3rd Division branch of the Canadian Cavalry Association. The annual convention of this association will be held in Quebec the first week in October.

**Receive Old Cross.**—Lieut.-Col. H. E. Pense, M.C., D.S.O., Commanding Officer of the 21st Canadian Battalion on the western front has received a seven-foot memorial cross from France, which was erected by the officers and men of the 21st Battalion after the battle of Vimy Ridge in April, 1917, in memory of the officers, N.C.O.'s and men who fell in action.

The wooden memorial is a fine one of its kind, but has been replaced with a permanent memorial by the Imperial War Graves Commission. It is now in the city being held until a decision is made as to its disposal, which decision will rest in the hands of former members of the unit.

**Will Visit Ottawa.**—Senior officers of the visiting British naval squadron, now in Canadian Atlantic waters, will be entertained in Ottawa. On Aug. 22, His Excellency the Governor General will entertain the officers at Government House. On the previous day, Hon. E. M. Macdonald, minister of national defence, will also entertain them, as representing the government.

**Off On Cruise.**—Starting from Ottawa on the 23rd instant a party of Ottawa Officers sail with Lieut. Col. R. M. Courtney in his sea going yacht Etchemin. The party will include Scotty Inkster, Lew Beer, Tom Keefer, Duke Sawers and Bill Blue. It is the intention to run to Lake Champlain and St. Johns will be officially visited en route probably about the 25th or 26th. This warning order is given in due time. Any resistance will be countered by a 6 inch gun that is carried and a full ice chest.

**To Hold Horse Show.**—Saturday, August 23, promises to be a big day for the people up the Gatineau. On that day, the annual horse show will be held at the Gold Note Farm and Remount station when a most attractive program will be presented. The program includes classes for foals, yearlings, 2-year-olds, 3-year-olds, and older horses, by Remount stallions, including saddle horses. There will also be classes for drivers and general purpose horses and a half-mile race on the flat for 3-year-olds and upward, owned by farmers and ridden by

farmers' sons. The entries in this class must also be by a Remount stallion.

The big feature of the horse show will be a point-to-point steeplechase, about two miles. Last year, there was a big entry for this event and it is expected that the coming race will have upwards of a dozen starters. The members of the Ottawa Riding and Driving Club have been schooling their hunters for several weeks in preparation for the point-to-point race and a large number of Ottawa enthusiasts will go up to the Gold Note Farm to see it run.

Mr. T. C. Bate, owner of the farm and his son, Capt. Henry Bate, resident manager, have set out a splendid course which goes through a number of fields and also over a wide bridle-path through bush, finishing with a straight run of about a quarter-mile. In addition to natural rail fences, several brush obstacles have been set out on the course which calls for a good horse and good rider to negotiate.

In addition, there are also classes for thoroughbred and half-bred hunters, all of which makes a program of events equal to those of more pretentious horse shows.

Farmers and settlers for a radius of thirty miles, enter their horses at this annual show, and it is not uncommon to see from twelve to fifteen entries in the different classes.

The object of the show is to encourage the farmers of the district to raise a superior type of light horse and it is being fulfilled beyond expectations of the originators.

Professor Grisdale, deputy minister of agriculture, attends this annual show wherever possible and delivers an address each year to the farmers in French and English.

Major-General J. H. MacBrien, chief of staff, is also a regular attendant and acts as judge of the saddle and hunter classes.

A short time ago the words "lady", "female", and "woman" were used in a London police-court, with the special meanings they possess in certain back street controversies.

"It was like this," said the defendant. "She says to me, 'You're no lady,' she says, and I smiles contemptuous. Then she says, 'You're an outrageous female,' she says, and I larfs scornful-like. Then she says, 'You're a woman,' she says, and I let's her 'ave the soapsuds in her face. 'Ow'd you like to be called a woman, sir.'"

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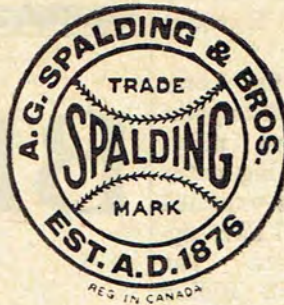
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## Baseball

### R.C.D. vs. V.A.C.

Even though Pres. Johnny Dowdell dropped the mantle of office and donned a uniform, including the old "dudeen" and took his place at centre field for the Drags. on Friday night, Aug. 1st, the handicap of having lost their battery, through the parsimony of the King Government, was too much for the good old Drags. and the V.A.C.'s had more or less of a walk over, though at times the patched up soldier team made them hustle. A lot of credit is due the Drags. for staging such a game under the heavy handicap.

### R.C.D. vs. Singers.

With Comrades Penny and Slim Durnford back with their old love on Friday night, Aug. 8th, the Drags. threw a scare into the ranks of the Singers when they got a run in the first inning and blanketed the Birdies for two innings. The third saw the Singers hunting for the cable holding the Drags.' balloon and in the fourth they succeeded in cutting it, footing round the diamond for four runs before the Drags. could get out another anchor, and get a run. Then in the fifth the Singers again tallied three while the Drags. again drew four, making the score eight to six. It was getting dark and the Singers put evergreen Paul in the box where his swift ones had the Drags. fanning overtime, but after the Singers had got a couple more in their half of the sixth, the Drags. wholoped a couple of good ones and landed two. The final score being ten to eight.

As a second baseman Johnny was all to the good, and helped in cutting short the career of a number of machine men attempting the circuit.

The following verses were sung at the farewell dinner on the conclusion of the Staff Course, which was held here from July 11th to July 24th. Each verse is a skit on the officers in charge of the various syndicates. The author is unknown.

(To the air of "Mademoiselle from Armentiers".)

Generals may come and Generals may go, parlez vous,  
Armstrong's his name as you all know, parlez vous,  
He's got lots of friends but ne'er a foe;  
He's gone through many a dirty show,  
Hinky dinky parlez vous.

T. V. Ack. is full of beans, parlez vous,  
His head is surely full of schemes, parlez vous,  
He hands us paper out by reams,  
Confounds the class with many themes,  
Hinky dinky parlez vous.

Hertz is very full of prunes, parlez vous,  
On Engineers he's all balloons, parlez vous,  
He's soldiered now for many moons,  
He works his class till they're loons,  
Hinky dinky parlez vous.

On Outposts W. B. is fine, parlez vous,  
He puts supports right in the line, parlez vous,  
We trust his syndicate do well  
That he won't send them all to—well,  
Hinky dinky parlez vous.

Prower with meticulous care, parlez vous,  
Prepares his precis in his lair parlez vous,  
From old Quebec he comes along,

His boys are strong on Taragon  
Hinky dinky parlez vous.

Sparlin's nose is shining fine, parlez vous,  
He keeps it that way with good wine, parlez vous,  
On Tactics he has served his time,  
So now with bones attempts to shine,  
Hinky dinky parlez vous.

A Gunner-man we have in Boak, parlez vous,  
He goes to work astride a Moak, parlez vous,  
He is a thirsty little bloak  
He's taught all gunners of great note,  
Hinky dinky parlez vous.

At R.M.C. our Perry shines, parlez vous,  
McPhail wants him back in the line, parlez vous,  
Agnes says he turns out snobs,  
Who flit around the girls with bobs,  
Hinky dinky parlez vous.

From Kingston where they break the stones, parlez vous,  
Hodgins will leave without any groans, parlez vous,  
In Picadilly he may roam,  
If he but leaves his wife at home,  
Hinky dinky parlez vous.

Reggie's back from London town, parlez vous,  
On Tanks and Pack he got things brown, parlez vous,  
His Q scheme won him great renown,  
It almost turned us upside-down,  
Hinky dinky parlez vous.

On Haggis Dave is very strong, parlez vous,  
He likes the stuff that goes along, parlez vous,  
He drills his students all day long,  
By following him you'll not go wrong,  
Hinky dinky parlez vous.

Neilson tried to get us pay, parlez vous,  
But Beaudrey gave it all away, parlez vous,  
On waggons now we're riding high  
A number of boys are very dry,  
Hinky dinky parlez vous.

The class of 24 will be, parlez vous,  
General Orders keen to see, parlez vous,  
We wish you luck, may you soon stand,  
Embronic staff behind the band,  
Hinky dinky parlez vous.

So now to Squadron "A" we'll drink, parlez vous,  
They've put us all right in the pink, parlez vous,  
Refreshers old and Freshers new,  
Look forward to another Stew,  
Hinky dinky parlez vous.

The Orderly Officer unexpectedly entered the barrack room, where he found two troopers, one of whom was reading a letter, while the other was listening and at the same time stopping up the ears of the reader.

"What are you doing?" enquired the puzzled officer.

"Well, you see sir, Bonin here can't read English, and he had a letter from his girl this morning, so I am reading it to him."

"And you, Bonin, what in the world are you doing?"

"Oh, sir, I'm stopping up his ears. I don't mind his reading my letter, but don't want him to hear what she has written."

On Saturday last, "Slim" Durnford approached the S.S.M. about putting in a pass, with permission to wear slacks, to go fishing. The Sgt. Major referred him to the Sqn. Orderly Sgt. When the pass was handed into the Orderly Room it read,—for the purpose of going to the City. (Efficient.)



## Lines from the Mouth of Hell.

(By "Bus" Browne, formerly 1st Bty. C.F.A.)

### PACKING.

"A wounded mule had staggered in  
From a trip from up the line,  
The other mule had jumped the road  
To drown in a bed of slime."

The mistress that packs the trunks  
For a little vacation stay,  
Or the bride that packs her trousseau  
For the dawn of a perfect day,  
Or the merchant that packs his sold goods  
To send to his client's house,  
Little they knew what packing meant  
And little they knew the curse.

But ask a man who was "over there"  
To tell of his packing jaunts,  
He'll say it's the sort of a thing  
That nobody human wants.  
For packing meant feeding the guns, boys,  
And the guns they had to be fed.  
The ground was too mucky for railroads  
So, the mules they had to be led.  
Two mules, Oh, the long eared critters,  
Each with eight shells to a load  
And many a time I coaxed 'em  
Up the Zonnebecke Road.

I'll take you back to the Paschendale scrap,  
In the fall of seventeen,  
When packing was the meanest, about  
The worst we'd ever seen.  
The guns lay up by Zonnebecke  
Along the road of planks  
And every time we made a trip  
The guns, they barked out "Thanks".  
But thanks meant little to us boys then  
When pulled from a bed of straw,  
To get your mules and fill your packs,  
In weather that's damp and raw.

For packing began after the dark  
Had settled into the night.  
We worked right thru till dawn of day,  
Was ever so welcome the light.  
Along a road that Fritz had marked  
With a thousand shells a day,  
Where bits of men lay here and there,  
The rest all blown away.  
With two mules to lead by the bridle reins  
On a surface smashed to hell,  
It's little wonder we moved so slow,  
It's little wonder we fell.

To flop into a hole the rain had filled  
And mixed with Mother Earth,  
While a four point one spreads its wings  
To strike for what it's worth.  
One mule gets hit from the spray of steel  
And makes for down the line,  
The other jumps the corduroy road  
To drown in a bed of slime.  
For off the path lay a sea of mud  
Where many a man went "West"  
Who tried it out for the solid stuff  
But sank as it failed his test.

There you lay on your stomach flat,  
In a greasy shell hole rut;

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But you've got your grit and courage  
To help to pull you thru'.  
Another whistle, is all you hear,  
And then an awful thud,  
A shower of iron as hot as—well  
Bathed in some cooler mud.

The hospital is a palace of gold  
Compared to Flanders' Field,  
The roof above seems puncture proof  
The walls they seem to shield.  
Under the Sister's guiding care,  
You've got to thank your God  
That Old Fritzie put you there, instead  
Of underneath the sod.

So little they knew what packing meant  
The merchant, mistress or bride,  
And what Webster says in his worded book,  
Well—Webster must have lied.

"A wounded mule had staggered in  
From a trip from up the line,  
The other mule had jumped the road  
To drown in a bed of slime."

"Bang," went the rifles at the manoeuvres. "Oo-oo," screamed the pretty girl—a nice, decorous, surprised little scream. She stepped backward into the surprised arms of a young man. "Oh," said she, blushing, "I was frightened by the rifles. I beg your pardon." "Not at all," said the young man. "Let's go over and watch the artillery."



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## The Aldershot Tattoo

In far back days "the tattoo" was an indication to the sellers of ale that the hour had arrived when their shutters must be put up. Now it calls troops to their quarters. It has, however, a wider significance, for the term, "Aldershot Command Searchlight Tattoo," is indicative of a military pageant at night that is perhaps unexampled throughout the world, by reason of its surroundings, its natural colour, and almost ceaseless variety. From the sounding of the "First Post" at 9.30 p.m. until the clarion call of the "Last Post" at midnight there is a continuous and changing blaze of colour, a volume of music, and the precise movement of troops representative of our splendid Army. This tattoo had a very modest birth, for it has grown from an unambitious event which was given by Sir Redvers Buller, on his return from the South African War, in the grounds of Government House, where he then resided.

The scene is set in a beautiful and natural theatre. It is flanked by belts of trees, and beyond there is a far-stretching vista. In the centre is a wide sweep of perfect greenness. The site is named Rushmoor Arena, and more than 10,000 tons of earth have been removed in its creation. It is still evening, and the vision is one of sweeping and beautiful scenery. The band seats on the lawn are vacant. On the right, however, are the bands beneath the trees—a mass of scarlet and dark blue and other colour. At 9.30 they pass into the arena—guards and infantry, and drum and fife, and buglers whose instruments glisten in the fading light. The "First Post" is sounded. Music suggestive of the spirit of pageantry is played. Shortly after ten o'clock there is a perfect blaze of searchlights that search the sky and scan the earth. The bands have marched off, and the trees look like fringes from Fairyland. Before you are patches of green and brown, and from this cover comes the music of the pipes, and soon in the dazzling light of 40,000 candle-power lamps, the strongest ever used in air defence, an army of men stand rigid on the sweep of greensward.

Soon we are in the midst of mimic warfare that looks very real. The 12th and 23rd Companies of the Royal Engineers, the 18th Pack Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery are participating. Pastoral placidity has given place to noise and hostility. There are

booming guns and humming aeroplanes that look like gilded flies in the rays of the searchlights. Troops are scurrying to take cover in order to repulse the enemy, who soon retires across a bridge which has been shattered and then restored. A tank that crushes all that is in its path aids in the destruction of the remnant of the enemy's rearguard. And even a peace-lover is thrilled by this scene of fire and fury.

The illuminated musical drive by the 18th Battery of the 3rd Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, to gallop and slow-march and Scottish air is a moving graceful, and brilliant display, for the outline of the gun-carriages is picked out by electric bulbs. Then follow the massed pipe bands and the dancing of three sets of foursome reel by pipers of the 1st Batt. Scots Guards, the 1st Batt. of the Cameronians, and the 2nd Batt. of the Black Watch. Next comes a most graceful musical ride by the 13th-18th Hussars. In "plaiting the maypole" they prove that horses as well as human folk can enjoy the dance. The riders wear the red uniforms of the 13th Hussars (then the 13th Dragoons) in 1742, and the blue uniforms of the 18th Hussars as worn at the Battle of Waterloo. "Stables" are then sounded by the massed trumpeters of the 1st Cavalry Brigade, there follows a brilliant fireworks display, and then enter the massed bands and torchbearers, who eventually form themselves into the outline of the Crown. And with this striking setting, after a few seconds of stillness, there bursts on us the unexpected sound of melodious voices—the Welsh Guards choir singing some of the well-established airs of their country. The massed bands play "Abide with me," and the first verse is sung to the accompaniment of an echo band who are somewhere beyond the shelter of the trees, the second verse is sung to the massed bands, and finally the audience join in the singing of the hymn. The buglers of the 2nd Batt. the Rifle Brigade sound the "Last Post," and after all join in "God Bless the Prince of Wales" and "God Save the King," we saunter back to Aldershot in the light of a hazy moon, pondering over the interest, the impressiveness, and the meaning of all that we have seen.

Irish Barrister: "Your lordship, I shall first prove to the jury that the prisoner could not have committed the crime with which he is charged. If that does not convince the jury, I shall show that he was insane when he committed it. If that fails, I shall prove an alibi."



## The Romantic Past of Old Chambly.

(Lilian M. Hendrie, Lady Principal, High School for Girls, Montreal, in The Teachers' Magazine.)

Is there any other village in Canada at once so ancient, so picturesque, so full of historic associations, so closely allied with a long line of illustrious names, and so much the scene of a brilliant social life—now past—as the little village of Chambly: I know of none.

Situated on a point of land facing two of the Monteregian Hills and jutting out into the Richelieu River just where it falls in picturesque tumult over rapids, to widen out presently into a basin, Chambly occupies what in the early days of Canada was undoubtedly a strategic position. For the Richelieu River, then called the Iroquois, was the natural highway between New France and New England. Again and again it was the route by which the enemy—sometimes the Iroquois, sometimes the English, sometimes both together—paddled

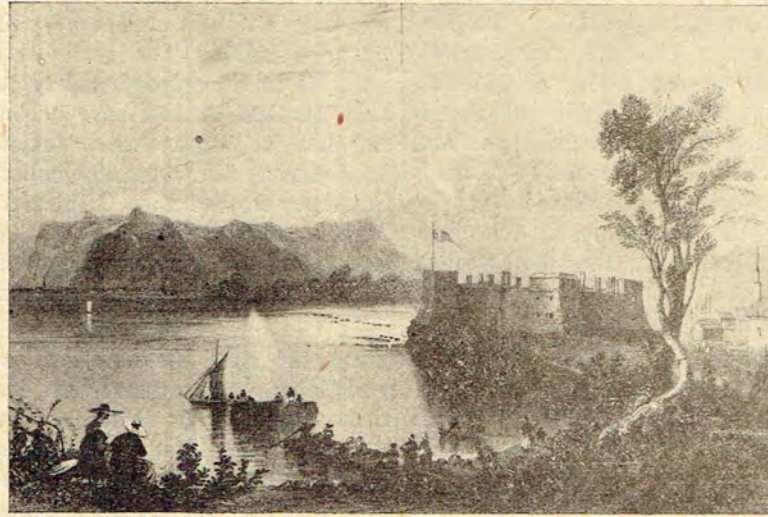
stealthily from Lake Champlain to attack Montreal or Quebec, or perhaps fall upon some isolated post or band. Thus it was that when in 1665, a division of the famous Carignan regiment was sent out under Colonel de Salieres, a line of forts was built along the Richelieu River and between that river and Montreal. To this day many of the place-names of the district—Sorel, St. Ours, Verchères, Chambly, etc.—are those of officers of this crack regiment,

who, remaining in Canada when their regiment was ordered home, were given grants of land with the title and all the rights and duties of Seigneur.

One of the first forts was at Chambly, where the present one now stands—a wooden fort formed of palisades fifteen feet high; built by Captain Jacques Chambly to serve both as a depot for food and merchandise, guns and ammunition, and for a refuge for settlers whenever the dreaded

Iroquois should appear. This fort, destined to play a bigger part than had ever been anticipated for it, passed through many vicissitudes as the years rolled on, now falling into decay; now, at the rumor of invasion, being hastily repaired. But always, as a little community grew up around it, the life of the place centered around the fort just as the houses there do to-day. "Not one house," says Sulte, "has its back to the fort."

The first Seigneur of Chambly as well as builder of the fort was Jacques Chambly. After his brief tenure—for he was soon made Commandant of Cape Breton and was afterwards killed in battle—the Seigneurie passed to Francois Hertel through his wife, Marguerite Thavenet, who, some writers say, was the fiancée and heiress of Chambly; others, his sister-in-law. The father of this Hertel de Rouville (as he was called) had come from France early in the seventeenth century and was the founder of one of the most remarkable families of French Canada. For two hundred years and more, the members of this family have played a vigorous part in the life of this community, first under the French,



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then under the British regime. Never a war or a raid in the early days, but a Hertel had part in it. Parkman, Charlevoix, and many others, have celebrated their exploits. Though Francois himself was buried elsewhere, the old military burying-ground at Chambly holds the remains of his wife Marguerite. The inscription to her memory reads:—

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She was the mother of fifteen children, ten, at least of them, sons, all brave, hardy and renowned. Who shall say she herself was not equally heroic? In her day, the Seigneurie was yet in the making. Old records tell us that in 1681, there were only about fifteen houses in the place. There is a quaint charm about these old records in their brief details of pioneer life. "J. B. Poirier, soldier, from Gascony; his wife, Marie, from Dieppe. Five children, one gun, one cow, seven arpents in cultivation." So reads the record. Another from Roch-

elle, that stronghold of the Huguenots, is labelled "Huguenot" but the records add "in 1677 became Catholic"! Of one Esprit Bernard; "Bachelor; one gun and six cultivated arpents. That is all we know about him."

By the beginning of the eighteenth century, the old wooden fort was almost in ruins, thanks to the fire of the Indians and the neglect of the French, and word had come from headquarters for its complete demolition. When this news reached Montreal, the citizens, realizing that Chambly was the military key to their town, promptly held a great mass meeting at which it was decided that if the old fort must go, a new and better one must be built. A petition to that effect was sent to Versailles, but, in the spring of 1711, owing to an expected attack by the British, and long ere an answer had come, the work had been begun.

With the aid of workmen from Quebec and Montreal, Longueuil, Boucherville, and Laprairie, in conjunction with the soldiers and habitants of Chambly itself, the fort was completed "as if by enchantment" in September, and was pronounced capable of "last-

ing forever." It was a very imposing building for those days, with its solid ramparts thirty feet high flanked by bastions. "Nothing like it," says Suite, "existed in America, not even at Quebec." In honor of the then Minister of Marine, it was named Fort Pontchartrain, but the old name still clung and finally and permanently displaced the new.

By the time the new fort was completed, there were at least thirty families in Chambly and always at the fort, distinguished men coming and going; for the fort was now the military rendezvous for the district. Claude de Ramezay, Governor of Montreal, was frequently in residence. Charlevoix, who was in Chambly in 1721, tells us that the Commandant that year was Jacques Charles Sabrevois de Bleury, a name prominent in this province for many years, though perhaps now known to Montrealers only by the street called after them, or by the charming old manor-house on Ile Jesu built by one of that family. As the years rolled on, the value of Fort Chambly as a military centre was gradually growing less; methods of warfare were changing, new routes were

being opened up, new forts being built, two indeed close by, St. St. Johns and the moated one on Ile aux Noix. To these new forts we have reference in an account of the times by Peter Kalm, the Swedish botanist, who figures in Kirby's "Le Chien d'Or."

(Concluded next month.)

Q.M.S. Mauchan, R.C.E., while walking across the square a few days ago, dropped a ten cent piece and stood on guard over it until the orderly sergeant came along and picked it up for him.

"Mac" had not been riding, neither had he spinal trouble or rheumatism, but, he was wearing Aberdeen braces, and they won't give.

A Circus Manager called upon a man by the name of Jim, who was 125 years old. He offered Jim \$100 a week if he would join the circus and sit on a platform. Jim said he would like to go but he could not go unless his father approved.

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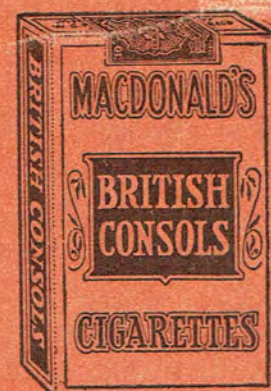
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